Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	MAR 1985	FEB 1985	JAN 1985	MAR 1984
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4399.0	4329.0	4309.0	4305.0
Employment	3941.0	3888.0	3790.0	3765.0
Unemployment	459.0	441.0	520.0	540.0
Rate	10.5	10.2	12.1	12.5
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3381.0	3354.2	3349.4	3311.4
Manufacturing	956.1	957.5	961.2	943.0
Durables	755.5	756.7	759.4	742.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.5	11.4	11.6	11.7
Furniture and Fixtures	26.2	26.3	26.3	24.4
Metals	171.5	171.5	171.5	170.7
Primary Metals	52.4	52.3	52.4	53.9
Fabricated Metals	119.1	119.2	119.1	116.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	131.2	130.9	129.9	125.7
Electrical Machinery	35.1	34.1	33.8	34.4
Transportation Equipment	344.8	347.3	350.7	339.7
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	326.3	329.2	332.7	320.7
Other Transportation Equip.	18.5	18.1	18.1	18.9
Other Durables	35.2	35.2	35.7	36.2
Nondurables	200.6	200.8	201.7	200.3
Food and Kindred	43.3	43.8	44.3	43.2
Textiles and Apparel	20.3	20.5	21.0	20.5
Paper Products	20.4	20.4	20.8	21.0
Printing and Publishing	36.8	36.3	35.9	35.6
Chemicals and Petroleum	42.3	42.4	42.4	42.2
Other Nondurables	37.5	37.5	37.3	37.9
Nonmanufacturing	1839.1	1812.3	1821.2	1786.4
Construction	74.8	72.2	75.8	74.7
Trans., Commun., Utilities	138.2	136.1	135.7	138.5
Wholesale Trade	175.9	173.3	175.0	166.1
Retail Trade	574.5	564.4	574.6	554.8
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	155.3	155.3	154.2	150.9
Services	711.1	702.2	697.0	692.5
Mining	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.9
Government	585.9	584.4	567.0	582.0
Federal	56.8	56.8	57.0	55.0
State	145.9	147.1	142.9	146.3
Local	383.1	380.5	367.1	380.7
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1984 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1984 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the month of March, the number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits continued to decline. The regular benefits claims load averaged 153,660 per week during the month, approximately 8,565 fewer than the February total. In March 1984, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 138,240.

In addition, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program jumped by 2,950 or 14.9 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 22,800 per week for the month of March. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
March 02, 1985	164,600	15,700	148,900	21,200	2,800	18,400
March 09, 1985	158,000	14,700	143,300	21,700	2,900	18,800
March 16, 1985	154,800	13,900	140,900	23,000	2,900	20,100
March 23, 1985	148,400	13,200	135,200	23,700	2,900	20,800
March 30, 1985	142,500	12,600	129,900	24,400	2,900	21,500

COST OF LIVING CONTINUES TO RISE

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area increased by six tenths of a percentage point over the month to reach 315.5 in March. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily due to increased medical and housing costs. Prices in the area climbed by 3.7 percent since March 1984, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 304.1.

Nationally, the cost of living rose by four tenths of a percent to reach 318.8 during the month. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for men's and women's apparel and medical services. Between March 1984 and March 1985, national consumer prices increased by 3.7 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 307.3.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries climbed from 41.5 hours in February to 43.0 hours in March. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals throughout the entire industry division.

During the month, average hourly earnings slipped by ten cents to $12.57, while average weekly earnings jumped by $14.71 to total $540.51. In March 1984, earnings averaged $12.06 an hour or $522.20 per week for a 43.3 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Mar 1985	Feb 1985	Mar 1984	Mar 1985	Feb 1985	Mar 1984	Mar 1985	Feb 1985	Mar 1984
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.57	$12.67	$12.06	43.0	41.5	43.3	$540.51	$525.80	$522.20
DURABLE GOODS	13.11	13.19	12.58	43.4	42.1	43.7	568.97	555.30	549.75
Primary Metal Products	12.50	12.31	12.38	41.2	39.4	41.8	515.00	485.01	517.48
Fabricated Metal Products	12.32	12.24	11.88	42.8	40.8	43.4	527.30	499.39	515.59
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.41	12.53	12.01	43.8	42.5	43.4	543.56	532.52	521.23
Electrical Machinery	10.46	10.66	10.19	40.9	37.7	41.3	427.81	401.88	420.85
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.94	15.05	14.21	44.9	44.1	45.1	670.81	663.70	640.87
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.36	10.52	9.97	41.4	39.5	41.7	428.90	415.54	415.75
Contract Construction	15.11	15.17	14.56	37.3	35.4	35.6	563.60	537.02	518.34
Department Stores	6.37	6.35	6.24	26.9	25.5	28.9	171.35	161.92	180.34

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

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